

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This patent application claims priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/923,137 that was filed on August 6, 2001 which in turn claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/224,054 that was filed on August 9, 2000. The subject matter of [that] both the patent application and the provisional patent application [is] are incorporated by reference in [its entirety] their entireties herein.

At page 9, lines 26-29, please delete the paragraph and insert instead the following paragraphs:.

~~Figures 3 and 4~~ Figure 3 graphically ~~illustrate~~ illustrates recrystallized grain size for ~~two related alloys~~ an alloy of the invention having 0.40 weight percent of chromium as a function of solution annealing temperature and solution annealing time.

Figure 4 graphically illustrates recrystallized grain size for an alloy of the invention having 0.54 weight percent of chromium as a function of solution annealing temperature and solution annealing time.

At page 13, lines 13-18, please delete the paragraph and insert instead the following paragraph:

When present, the iron to titanium ratio, by weight, is preferably between 0.7:1 and 2.5:1, and more preferably between 0.9:1 and 1.7:1 and most preferably about 1.3:1. For some embodiments, the iron to ~~tin~~ titanium ratio, by weight, is preferably between 0.9:1 and 1.1:1 and more preferably about 1:1.